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DECLINE OF INTEREST IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a survey farmers in the country are gradually becoming disinterested in the profession of agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Report No.496 on Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers titled `Some Aspects of Farming` (Reference Period January-December 2003) of the National Sample Surey Organization (NSSO), submitted in July, 2005 covers in detail certain important aspects of farming, which, inter-alia, reports reasons for not considering it as a suitable profession.

(b): As per the above mentioned report, the details on reasons for not liking farming are given below:

Percentage of farmer households

Liking farming	Not Linking Farming due to reason				
	Not profitable	Lack of social status	Risky	Others	Total
60	27	2	8	3	40

(c): A National Policy of farmers, 2007 has been approved by the Government of India with its main aim to focus on the economic well-being of farmers by improving the economic viability of farming in addition to increasing production and productivity. Several programmes such as National Horticulture Mission, Macro Management, National Food Security Mission and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna are under implementation to incentivise farmers to engage themselves profitably in the farming activities.